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## Air Cadets Offered Pre-Induction Training

A program of pre-induction training for next year's pilots, bombardiers and navigators by local units of the Civil Air Patrol has been announced today by the War Department.

Civil Air Patrol, the volunteer auxiliary of the Army Air Forces, with squadrons and flights in more than 1,000 communities, has been conducting a nation-wide training program through the CAP Cadets, composed of specially selected students in the last two years of high school. Many of the former CAP Cadets are now in the Army Air Forces. The training which CAP has given them in aviation and military subjects has proven greatly to their advantage.

Young men of 17 who can pass the mental and physical tests are now being placed in the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve for call to active duty for aviation cadet training after they become 18. Thousands of these reservists are now at home awaiting the time when they will go to the training centers and colleges.

The Civil Air Patrol recommends that 17-year-old Air Corps Enlisted Reservists now at home join their local CAP Cadet units. CAP Cadets wear the Army enlisted uniform, with special insignia which can be removed when the men report for Army duty. Meanwhile, those accepted by the Army can wear the silver insignia of the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve and many will have an opportunity for valuable command experience as CAP Cadet Squadron Flight Leaders.

CAP courses are given free by volunteer instructors selected from CAP members.

## Dance Surpasses Expectations

Bulletin—A dance the three Omaha squadrons sponsored October 15 was a great success, both in attendance and a good time. Between 800 and 900 attended. Lt. M. J. Warren was general chairman. Dancing was to the music of CAP Member Web Feleman's band. The affair will benefit CAP buildings at the Municipal airport.

## At Mobilization Banquet



## Two Wing Officers and a Deputy Named

Congressman Karl Stefan of Nebraska, pictured at the microphone during the banquet, asserted that when U-boats were attacking CAP saved America (Bulletin)

Two new wing staff appointments and the first deputy wing staff member are announced by Maj. Harry B. Sidles, wing commander.

Capt. Earl C. Reynolds, formerly transportation officer, has been appointed wing adjutant, succeeding Capt. G. H. Lindley, who has moved to California. Capt. Oscar O. Cooke, formerly commander of Omaha squadron No. 1, is the new wing transportation officer.

Lt. Stover Deats of the Grand Island squadron has been named deputy to Capt. Vic M. Schroeder, wing operations officer and promoted to first Lt. Lt. Kenneth Kimmel was appointed commander of Lincoln squadron succeeding Lt. William Brown, who has moved to the northwest. Lt. Gerald Hallstead is the new commander of the Crete squadron, succeeding Lt. Frank Bringham, who has asked to be relieved.

Lt. M. J. "Zack" Warren is the new commander of Omaha squadron No. 1. He was executive officer. In Omaha No. 1, Lt. Roy Highfield has been made intelligence officer, succeeding Kenneth Bucher, who has gone into service, and P. K. Patrick, formerly a sergeant, succeeds Highfield as lieutenant in charge of Squadron No. 1 Cadets.

## First Wing Assembly Is A Distinct Success

"Highly successful" is the simplest, most accurate way to describe the Nebraska wing's first mobilization at Fremont, September 5th and 6th.

Despite the unfavorable weather, including high winds and a line squall, the event proved to be even more successful than had been hoped for. Every one seemed in agreement that it was very much worth while and that another should be planned before long. One Salutory effect was that everyone agreed that the experience should make it possible to do better next time. About 375 members attended.

Highlights included in the program at the airport Sunday afternoon, the banquet, featuring a speech by Congressman Karl Stefan, at the city auditorium Sunday night, and the parade through downtown Fremont Monday morning.

National headquarters was represented by Capt. Kendall Hoyt, national intelligence officer.

The strong wind eliminated some of the demonstrations that had been planned. A line squall that blew in at the conclusion of the Sunday afternoon program blew loose a tethered plane which was there, property of a Fremont club group, and caused some damage to the craft. The same storm also prevented the appearance of a P-47 Thunderbolt and a P-40 Warhawk from the Lincoln air base. However the P-38 Lightning arrived—and knifed low across the field during the height of the storm.

Three army BT trainer planes from Coffeyville, Kans. staged an impressive acrobatic demonstration.

The photographic section of Omaha squadron No. 1 staged a demonstration in which an aerial view of the airport was dropped from a plane, and processed into a finished picture in 11 minutes time. First aid demonstrations were given by the Omaha No. 2 "Powder Puff" squadron. The Fremont squadron demonstrated posting of the guard. Other demonstrations prepared by Crete and Lincoln were halted by the

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## Thank You, Fremont

The Nebraska wing of the Civil Air Patrol is deeply indebted to Fremont for the cooperation which made possible the success that attended the State's first mobilization a success.

Everything was done to make the CAP visit pleasant. The Fremont Squadron under Lt. Arthur Baldwin, went to great effort and pains in arranging details. The Chamber of Commerce, through its efficient secretary-manager, C. W. Motter, co-operated in every way. The Red Cross and USO and Pathfinder hotel served excellent meals.

Also appreciated were the cooperation of the Fremont police and the Nebraska highway safety patrol in handling the parade.

From Mr. Motter the wing has received this very pleasant letter.

"We want you to know that we appreciated your attendance at the first statewide mobilization of the Civil Air Patrol September 6th and 7th.

"It was a real inspiration for all of us here to have an opportunity to look in on your splendid program and observe the grand manner in which the Civil Air Patrol does things.

"The goodfellowship which prevailed made a very deep impression upon our Chamber of Commerce and City Officials who took time out to enjoy the program and maneuvers at the port. It gave them an opportunity to meet and know a fine group of men in the C.A.P. who are making a real sacrifice in the interests of aviation in Nebraska.

"We of the Chamber of Commerce



On September 15-16, Maj. H. B. Sidles, commander of the Nebraska courier base and Capt. Vic Schroeder, wing operations officer, met with Col. Earle L. Johnson, CAP national commander, and CAP commanders from most of the western states, at Denver. There they discussed courier operations and were told of some proposed changes—but none affecting Nebraska. The group is shown in the picture above.

Reading from left to right, first row: Maj. Phillip Hinkley, liaison officer in Second Air Force, Maj. Buck Steers, New York City, Col. Earle L. Johnson, National Commander, N. Y., Maj. Harold R. Smethills, Denver, Colo., Maj. Harry Sidles. Second row: Maj. Leverett Davis, Idaho, Capt. Clayton N. Wulff, Minnesota, Maj. Moss Patterson, Oklahoma, Maj. Bertrand Rine, California, Capt. Chas. Summers, Kansas. Third row: Maj. Leo Devaney, Oregon, Maj. F. W. Beer, Arizona, Maj. D. C. Johnston, Iowa, Maj. Herman Henrickson, Montana, Capt. Vic Schroeder, Maj. Howard Wilcox, Kansas. Fourth row: Capt. A. B. Gill, Colorado Springs, Capt. John Moodie, South Dakota, T. B. Roberts, South Dakota, Maj. W. E. VanWalker, North Dakota, Capt. P. J. King, Wyoming, Maj. Joe Bergin, Utah.

sincerely hope we will be privileged to again entertain the Nebraska Wing of the C.A.P.

"The latch string hangs out and we in Fremont will count it a pleasure to have you look in on us at any time you are in this part of the state."

Thanks, Mr. Motter, but the pleasure and privilege were all ours!

### SALUTE TO LT. PATRICK

The Nebraska wing joins other groups in saluting one of its own members, Lt. Philip K. Patrick of Omaha squadron No. 1 for the patriotic service he rendered his country recently by providing the government with the evidence which resulted in breaking up a fraud ring among war contractors and officials at the quartermaster depot in Philadelphia.

One of the crooks proposed that Lt. Patrick, himself a contractor, participate in the conspiracy. On his own initiative, Lt. Patrick went all the way to Philadelphia to get the evidence which he turned over to the FBI. A dozen people have been indicted, and many others are likely to be included.

Patrick was in the balloon corps during World War No. 1. He offered his services to the war department the day after Pearl Harbor. He has been a tireless CAP worker, and recently was placed in charge of cadets in No. 1 squadron.

### CAP MOURNS NORMA ADAMS

The Nebraska wing mourns the loss of another enthusiastic and hard-working member

Miss Norma Adams, 19, Adams, Neb., a member of the Crete squadron, and Frank Spinar, Jr., 18, apprentice mechanic, were killed in a crash October 7, when a light plane they were checking, following mechanical adjustments, crashed on a farm owned by Spinar's father.

The wreckage was located from the air the following day by two Crete squadron members, Dr. M. H. Mack and Carl Baumgardner.

Miss Adams had been one of the star members of the Crete squadron. She was one of the pilots when the CAP sent out aerial caravans to assist in recruiting air cadets last summer.

### CLAIR WOLFE APPOINTED

New (and original) business manager of the Cornhusker CAP News is Clair M. Wolfe of WOW. He has been a newspaper editor, and public relations director at Nebraska Ordnance plant. Formerly he was a reserve officer.

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## New Units Formed In Nebraska Patrol

The Nebraska wing of the Civil Air Patrol is enjoying an encouraging growth.

Three new units are in the process of organization at the moment.

At Alliance, a squadron is being organized with Rae Hudson as the commanding officer, and Robert L. Gilbert as executive officer.

At Wayne, R. E. Marek is taking the lead in the organization of a flight.

At Elgin, Joseph Kluthe is heading up the organization of a new flight.

Louis Rodehorst of Columbus is organizing a flight at that city.

The NEWS hopes—and hereby requests—that all of these people will see that reports on progress and the names of staff members will be provided for the next issue.

## TWO MEMBERS OF INDIAN TRIBE IN OMAHA SQUADRON

Two daughters of the Deer Clan of the Indian Tribe are now enthusiastic members of Squadron 2 of Civil Air Patrol. They are sisters, Mrs. Virginia Henderson Walker and Miss Elizabeth Henderson of 323 North 17th Street. Both employed at the Martin Bomber plant. They formerly lived in Macy, Nebraska.

The entire family is air-minded according to the girls. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Henderson have remained in Macy. A brother, Marlin, is training to become a Naval Air Force pilot at Allston, Mass. Air Base. Another brother, Noah, is a member of the ground crew at a Kansas Air Base.

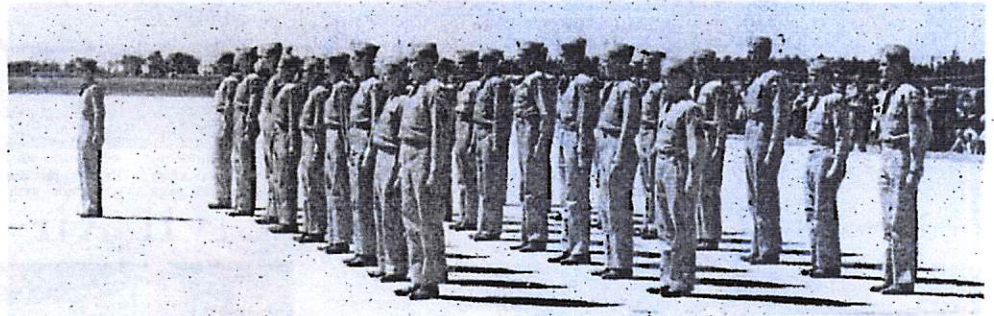
Virginia attended boarding school in South Dakota, where she excelled in archery and rifle shooting. She was a member of the Squadron No. 2 girls, drill group which took second place in the state mobilization held recently in Fremont.

## Mobilization A Success—Cont. from page 1

wind. Cadets of Omaha No. 1 squadron staged a drill demonstration. The cadets commanded by Sgt. Bill Bloom were not in competition with other units because it was acknowledged that they were "in a class by themselves."

First place in the competitive drill went to the Crete flight under command of Lt. Charles I. Sager. Second place was won by girls of Omaha squadron No. 2, with Lt. Margaret Broderick giving the orders, and third place to a flight from Omaha squadron No. 1 with Sgt. (now Lt.) Phillip K. Patrick in command.

The bombing contest was won by Lt. L. F. Valentine, commander of the North Platte



Top-notch drill outfit at the mobilization was the Omaha No. 1 cadet squadron under command of Sgt. Bill Bloom.



CAP on the air. Here Maj. H. B. Sidles, wing commander, is interviewed by Harry Peck of KOIL, as Capt. Kendall Hoyt, national intelligence officer, stands by. The Nebraska wing is reviewed by Lt. Col. W. F. Bruett. Behind is Maj. H. B. Sidles.

squadron; second was Capt. William A. Fraser, Jr., of the wing staff and third by Capt. Oscar O. Cooke, commander of Omaha squadron No. 1.

In his talk at the banquet, Congressman Stefan paid ringing tribute to the CAP for the jobs it has done, the jobs it is doing, and for the money it saved the nation. He asserted that the organization was worthy of far better financial support than it has received, and said that he proposes to help in the fight to win both recognition and support.

Many state, military and civic officials were guests of the CAP at the banquet. Among them were H. M. Greenamyre, secretary to Governor Griswold; C. M. Sharrar, chairman, and Rolland Haar, secretary of the Nebraska Aeronautics commission; Lt. Col. W. F. Bruett of Omaha, who had reviewed the wing that afternoon; and Mayor Hanson of Fremont.

Capt. Rudy Mueller of the wing staff was toastmaster. Capt. Earle Reynolds, also of the wing staff, led the group in singing CAP songs that he had authored.

Lt. Stanley Marsh of Omaha's squadron No. 1, played several piano numbers.

## MARSH AIDS BOND DRIVE

Lt. Stanley Marsh, Omaha courier pilot, did an extra special good deed recently in connection with the five-million dollar war bond premiere at the Paramount theater in

Omaha. He flew to Des Moines and brought back a Drake co-ed, Miss Rosalie Smith, in order that she might arrive in time to sing the National anthem at the program. "She's even prettier than her pictures," Lt. Marsh observed.



Lt. Col. W. F. Bruett inspects Nebraska wing at Fremont.

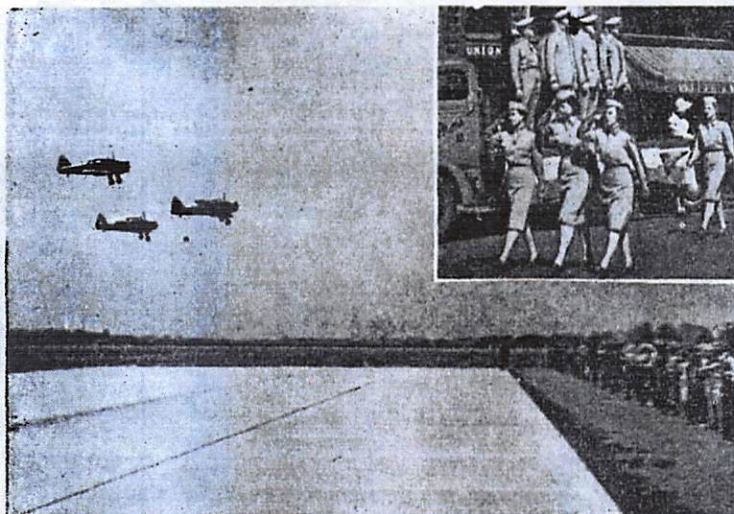


Thanks to the civil air patrol, which was organized just one week before Pearl Harbor, the United States is one of two countries which still has some civil aviation despite the war. (Russia is the other). The pictures on this page

were taken when the Nebraska wing held its first statewide mobilization at Fremont last Sunday and Monday. The picture above shows 14 of the 29 planes which were parked on the field at one time.

## Nebraska Wing, Civil Air Patrol, on Parade

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Part of the program was a parade through downtown Fremont. This picture was taken as the well-drilled women's squadron, No. 2 of Omaha, passed the reviewing stand. The squadron is commanded by Lt. Belle Hetzel, Omaha school Teacher.

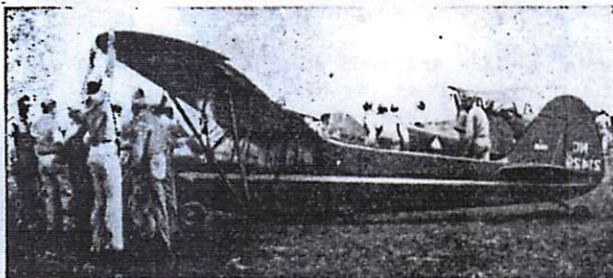


Jeeps and flags and tents added color to the affair. This photo shows the headquarters tent for Omaha squadron No. 1.



An aerobatics demonstration by three basic trainers from an army air base, shown here as they flew across the field. Later spectators were amazed to learn that there were passengers in the planes—three army nurses—who said they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

First place in the drill competition for picked flights from the various squadrons went to this unit from Crete. It was commanded by Lt. Charles I. Sager, of the Doane college faculty (right foreground). A girls' flight from Omaha was second.



It seems that each aviation meet must have its storm—and this one was no exception. A line squall and dust storm broke up the party Sunday afternoon, and tore loose two planes which had been staked down. The plane above reared up in the air like a bucking broncho, and its landing gear was badly damaged when it struck the earth again.



Girls of Omaha squadron No. 2 demonstrated first aid and rescue work. They are shown here as they prepared to load an "accident victim" into an ambulance.



The Nebraska wing is shown here as 370 members—about half of the membership in the state—prepared for inspection by Lt. Col. W. H. Bruett of Omaha. It was the first time members from all over the state had participated in a single formation. The national OAP, which includes about 80 thousand adult

members and 30 thousand cadets, devotes its energies to a varied program which emphasizes ground training and flight missions, recruitment of air cadets for the army, coastal patrol, and courier service for the army air corps.

—CAP Photos, by Lt. Bob Fisk, Sgt. Harold Gaskill of Omaha, and Norman Case of Lincoln.